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## MEMORANDUM

August 20, 2002

To: Community Residential Care Facility Administrators

From: Dennis Gibbs, Director  
Division of Health Licensing

Subject: Medication Administration Training

Section 40-33-980 of the South Carolina Code Ann. (Supp. 2001) became effective July 1, 2002. This amendment has a major impact on medication training for non-licensed staff members who administer medications in Community Residential Care Facilities. Any non-licensed staff person who is trained by a licensed nurse in medication administration will be required to have a competency evaluation and approval by a licensed nurse before administering medications to residents. Documentation of the training, competency evaluation and approval must be maintained by the facility and shall be updated at least annually. Section 40-33-980 of the South Carolina Code Ann. (Supp. 2001) applies only to staff persons who administer medications.

Regulation 61-84, Standards for Licensing Community Residential Care Facilities, Section 504.A.4., requires medication management training for all staff members. Documentation of this training must be maintained by the facility and shall be updated at least annually.

A copy of Section 40-33-980 of the South Carolina Code Ann. (Supp. 2001) is attached for your review. If any changes are made by the Department in the enforcement of this section of the South Carolina Code of Laws, you will be notified. If there are any questions about Section 40-33-980, please call Randy Clark at (803) 545-4230.

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Enclosure

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:**

**Trained, supervised unlicensed persons authorized to give medications in community residential care facilities**

**SECTION 1. The 1976 Code is amended by adding:**

**"Section 40-33-980. In community residential care facilities, the provision of selected prescribed medications may be performed by selected unlicensed persons with documented medication training and skill competency evaluation. The provision of medications by selected unlicensed persons is limited to oral and topical medications and to regularly scheduled insulin and prescribed anaphylactic treatments under established medical protocol and does not include sliding scale insulin or other injectable medications. Licensed nurses may train and supervise selected unlicensed persons to provide medications and, after reviewing competency evaluations, may approve selected unlicensed persons for the provision of medications."**